

## Barquole



"A throat, mouthpiece,  
spout." Opinions ex-  
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Happiness comes with education  
Eager beavers always want to learn  
Now is the time to investigate these schools  
Remember education always pays  
You'll always learn something new here

Great unknowns await you at these schools  
Empires grew from knowledge  
Opportunity comes from learning  
Re-enter learning at this school  
Give a little time, learn a lot  
Empower yourself through education

Scholarly people come to this school  
Change your thinking by learning  
Help yourself to knowledge at these schools  
Opinion, beliefs, ideas, always welcome  
If a cordial reception you may be sure -  
Learn about the science of economics

Composed by Arnold Kleiner

The price of pig  
Is something big;  
Because its corn,  
you'll understand  
Is high-priced too;  
Because it grew  
Upon high-priced  
farming land  
If you'd know why  
That land is high,  
Consider this; its  
price is big  
Because it pays  
Thereon to raise  
The costly corn, the  
high-priced pig!

THE FREEMAN  
Quoted in Economics  
of Enterprise by  
H. J. Davenport

## THE UNITED NATIONS

will be discussed at the January  
Afternoon Discussion Group, Tues.  
Jan. 11th, 2 p.m. 78 Clinton Ave.  
Newark. These meetings are open  
to the public and provide a pro-  
gram of interest - lively give  
and take discussion. If you are  
free in the daytime come on down  
to the school and participate in  
stimulating mental exercise.

The Board of Trustees of the N.J.  
school will hold its regular din-  
ner meeting on January 12th to  
which a number of guests have been  
invited to assist in making plans  
for 1966 activities.

## MODERN ECONOMICS

The purpose of taxation in gen-  
eral is not to raise revenue (the  
government can always print paper  
money) but to restrict demand.  
C.T. Sanford, West-  
minister Bank Review.

"The mind likes a strange idea  
as little as the body likes a "  
strange protein and resists it  
with similar energy. If we watch  
ourselves honestly, we shall oft-  
en find that we have begun to  
argue against a new idea even be-  
fore it has been completely stat-  
ed."

Wilfred Trotter

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## THE DEAN THINKS

### Social Security Discriminates

Adopting the Judeo-Christian conception that all men are sinners, many who deplore the poverty and misery in the world aim to meliorate conditions.

Observing that many who work most of their adult life fail to accumulate the wherewithal to maintain themselves in their declining years, the so-called "liberals" have succeeded in obtaining legislation that will compel people to under-consume their earnings in the productive years and thus assure them maintenance in old age.

Social Security legislation exists in most of the countries of Western civilization. Thus, do-gooders believe that by coercion of law people can be forced to provide for their declining years and the do-gooders feel a sense of satisfaction in helping their fellow men, even against their own voluntary will.

Social Security has been defended on many grounds. Justice, morality and equity have been used as arguments favoring Social Security.

Arguments against compulsory Social Security usually are based upon the coercion, the taking away of each human's right to make decisions affecting himself, provided he does not infringe the equal rights of others.

But, as legislated in the United States, Social Security is not only an infringement of personal liberty, but it is also discriminatory against low earners and negroes.

As of January 1, 1966, both employers and employees are taxed 4.2% of earnings up to \$6,600.22 per annum. Thus, earners whose wages or salary totals \$6,600. or less are taxed. But those who earn in excess of \$6,600. escape taxation on the excess over \$6,600. Low earners are taxed on their entire earnings while high earners pay only the same amount as low earners.

Social Security payments to men start when the retired earners reaches the age of 65. Statistics show that negroes have an average life span that is significantly less than 65 years. Negroes, therefore, although taxed during their productive years, on average, cannot collect as much, if any, as their white fellow workers.

Their situation is like a squirrel who collects nuts during the late summer and fall for his winter's use and then dies before he can consume his hoarded store, leaving it to be enjoyed by others.

We hear so much these days about discrimination. There is even legislation which is designed to eliminate discrimination and yet the goal of do-gooders in legislating Social Security is discriminating against two large groups of peo-

It could be possible to amend Social Security Legislation to eliminate such discriminations but the lesson will still be there. When well-intentioned people try to legislate, using the force and coercion of government, to compel people to do what they voluntarily would not do (other than preventing people from infringing upon the persons, property and liberty of others) even when such coercion is believed to be for the benefit of all, one inequity leads to others and will result in hardships to some and unearned benefits to others.

History is studied, not alone to learn of the events in the evolution of the human race, but to profit from the experiences, good and bad, of our ancestors. History is replete with the instances of the disasters which befell peoples and nations when their governments assumed by force to compel compliance with what the heads of governments deemed to be for the good of the government. Yet we persist.

Today, Thomas Jefferson's oft quoted observation that "that government is best which governs least" is considered as a "horse - and - buggy" conception. Yet, this nation grew and became the most productive in the world during the period when the intervention by government with the private enterprise system was the least.

And during that period of growth, there were some who lived in poverty. But the virtue of voluntary charity prevented wholesale starvation and deprivation. It was not necessary for government to steal from some to give to others, nor did government deem it a proper function to equalize the distribution of wealth.

In spite of the long period of productive growth now enjoyed in this country, many knowledgeable economists fear that our incentives to continue to grow are being increasingly dulled by government intervention and that future growth will diminish.

Just as a squirrel, by instinct gathers its food in time of plenty to consume when Nature does not provide sustenance, Man could profit by following the example. If Social Security were voluntary, that is, people could join or abstain from joining, the systematic saving of a part of their earnings might be very useful to those participating. But compulsion, and coercion should not force them to do so. Thus, the discrimination against low earners and negroes would not necessarily ensue since those who would not expect to benefit need not participate. For those who do participate, the benefits might be determined on an actuarial insurance type basis.

Hope continues, however, that when the pendulum has swung its complete arc and will reverse itself, when the folly of government intervention is realized, then the conditions necessary to equality of opportunity will be espoused and gain acceptance. Utopia will never be achieved on this earth, but man can achieve the fulfillment of his earthly needs and enjoy tranquility and a degree of happiness.

Alexander M. Goldfinger

Old calendars are being replaced by new ones. We start a New Year. It was formerly a practice to make New Year's Resolutions. Maybe some people still do this. Many such resolutions made in the past were short-lived. Some, no doubt, were complied with more or less strictly. Whether or not you "resolve" at this time, will you at least give some thought to assisting the Henry George School financially or otherwise? For the most part THE GARGOYLE goes to those who "approve of the efforts of the school in its work of education. To carry on even to send out THE GARGOYLE requires funds. The school is supported by voluntary contributions of its friends. Many contribute financially year after year. If by chance you are a reader who does not contribute to the school and you can do so at this time, your gift will be of great assistance. Not a bad way to start 1966, is it?

#### I DON'T KNOW

There is, of course, much that I don't know. It would be great if I could learn the answers to all that I don't know. However that is impossible. There is a definite limit to what I can learn and I must decide what I think is the most important items into which I should delve.

Henry George, in referring to his proposal - taking the annual rental value of land for the support of government - stated: "that of all values is most easily ascertained." He did not elaborate nor did he produce a blue-print of how this value is to be ascertained. I cannot produce such a blue-print, but I believe today, with our wonderful computers it can be done in a simpler manner than it could have been in George's time.

If the principle of the taking of the annual rental value of land for public revenue is sound and just, as I believe it is, then the mechanics can be left to those capable of implementing it.

John T. Tetley

#### WHY THE HENRY GEORGE SCHOOL?

Eighty some years ago a little-known man declared war on poverty. He reasoned to fight and win that war, he would need to learn the causes of poverty. So he set about doing just that. After a considerable length of time he believed he had found the principal cause and began writing about it. Later he traveled over a large part of the world lecturing about it.

There were many who felt this man really had something. So they in turn wrote and spoke about it. The man died - his followers continued fighting the war he had started. However they lost battle after battle and their ranks became almost depleted.

Many years later fresh recruits joined up and the "war" gained impetus. That man's war is being fought round the world today. Gains have been made but it cannot be said victory is in sight.

More than two thousand years ago another man, history records, offered humanity a code of high ideals. HE too had followers and HIS war is still being fought without complete victory in sight.

"To get the bad customs of a country changed and new ones, though better, introduced, it is necessary first to remove prejudices of the people, enlighten their ignorance, and convince them that their best interest will be promoted by the proposed changes; and this not the work of a day," said Ben Franklin.

#### REAL AMERICANS

An article in the Reader's Digest, Nov. 1965 - "Samoa, America's Showplace of the South Seas, by Clarence W. Hall, is quite revealing. This is a small island in the South Pacific, the "finest most forgotten U.S. territory." In 1889 Samoan Chiefs asked the U.S. to take over their island. During World War II, the island was considered necessary for defense, but when decision had been reached to hold at Samoa the triennial meeting of the South Pacific Conference - "Government buildings flying tattered American flags were rotted, termite-infested and peeling. Roads were rutty paths leading nowhere. Raw sewage was piped into Pago Pago's spectacular harbor, which was ringed by over-water latrines. Samoans suffered from unchecked disease and malnutrition. Agriculture had gone down hill and heavy imports of even the barest necessities lifted the cost of living to ridiculous heights." H. Rex Lee picked to to something about this situation is reported to have done a magnificent job there. Lee's program was based upon the natives helping improve conditions themselves.

"How well the Samoans have responded is indicated by the legislature's actions in 1963 when it overwhelmingly voted "to join our fellow Americans in paying federal income taxes" - the only American territory voluntarily to take on this burden. When one legislator, egged on by a well-to-do island merchant, spoke against the income tax as 'colonialist' and 'undemocratic' whole phalanxes of his fellow chiefs arose to cry him down. "We have never been less colonialist or more democratic", declared High Chief Rapi Sotoz, president of the senate - "This makes us real Americans at last!" In 1965 the amount paid in income tax by Samoans was reported to be almost equal to the entire Congressional appropriations for Samoa prior to Lee's taking over. Such appropriations in past few years are said to have totaled more than 30 million dollars but Lee believes Samoa should become self-sufficient by 1975.

The article concludes by stating "del-egations from New Zealand's Takelan Is-lands and become a part of the United States... Chief T. Le'iato saying 'if we lose any of our old ways, it will be be-cause we choose to, not because changes are being forced upon us...'"

When word reached Samoa that a repre-sentative of an Iron Curtain country had risen in the U.N. to call American Samoa a familiar example of colonialist conquest, 'the legislature flew into an uproar.' Let us make it plain - American Samoa is no colony, but a part of the United States by choice."

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In her annual Christmas message to the many friends of Una Miller, in the Henry George School, she wrote this year - she reads in the local papers "the golden words of columnists"(names left out here THE GARGOYLE does not wish libel suit)and "I wonder. I'd probably swallow all their words whole if I hadn't just hap-pened to attend H.G.S.- - Thank God! But it doesn't cheer me any."

We are not cheered either, Una - but like you, having attended HGS, we pre-serve some semblance of sanity.

#### CHRISTMAS MESSAGES

The unusual ones, would more than fill up an entire issue of THE GARGOYLE, but we will quote two of them:

"May Christmas have memories -happy to recall - and the New Year be one to top them all."

"Christmas morning never comes - the old year never ends - without a thought of good times-happy hours-Good friends."

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Readers of THE GARGOYLE who are on the mailing list of the Schalkenbach Founda-tion will have received this good news - "After three years of searching for a suitable script, a contract has been sign-ed for our second motion picture, which will run 26½ minutes and be made in color.

Incidentally, as published in their 1965 appeal - June 15th marked their fortieth anniversary. This foundation is doing a most valuable job - our congratulations to them.

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The little fellow  
in St. Louis

No, we don't mean Noah Alper. He is still there doing a great job (PREC) but we mean his successor at the school there, Loral D. Swoford, who is also doing a splendid job. He, assisted by Noah is particularly busy now arranging for the influx of Henry George people next July - to participate in the Annual Conference, and to swing and sway on their new arch. We have been informed that Loral and Noah will each be on either side of said Arch to maintain its stability while the school folks climb up for their picture.

#### LIGHTHEARTED LEXICON

Dime: A dollar from which the taxes have been removed.

Diplomat: Person who says "I beg your pardon" when he really means "What's going on here?"

Divorce: When "I do" becomes "adieu."

Franco: The reign in Spain.

Half-truth: Something to be careful of because you may get hold of the wrong half.

Home movies: The strange views people take of things.

Hotel: Place where a guest gives up dol-lars for quarters.

Lazy Teen-ager: Idlescent.

#### TAG LINES

All men are ordinary men--but it takes an extraordinary man to know it.

Akk the world loves a lover--unless you are waiting for the phone he's using.

Always put your best foot forward--but don't step on the other people's toes.

A man's character is measured by what he would do if he knew he wouldn't be found out.

An explosive situation can often be eas-ed by a few carefully chosen words, soft-ly spoken.

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Marriage is like poker--first a pair -- then his diamond -- her flush; finally - a full house.

She can't understand why most girls look

for a husband--she prefers single guys.

She claims it takes two to make a marr-riage...a single girl and an anxious mo-ther.

#### QUOTES

Form the habit of reacting Yes to a new idea. First think of all the reasons why it's good; there will be plenty of people around to tell you why it won't work. - Chauncey Guy Suits, quoted by Alex Osborn - YOUR CREATIVE POWER.

Social Welfare is the politicians' ex-cuse for refusing to promote the reforms that can remove the causes of poverty.

- Dr. Viggo Starke

Money is too important to leave to poli-ticians - to the Bankers - or to the so-called economists.

Let Sam do it (Uncle Sam) Government  
Let George do it. (Henry George) private enterprise.

Communism is socialism in a hurry.

Education makes a people easy to lead, but difficult to drive; easy to govern, but impossible to enslave.

- Attributed to Lord Brougham

#### Rule of Three

1. - Observe
2. - Remember
3. - Compare

#### The New Three "R's"

1. - Reason.
2. - Responsibility
3. - Respect